

Firearm Restrictions

The United States Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has advised that effective September 30, 1996, the Gun Control Act of 1968 was amended to prohibit any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence from possessing, purchasing, using or transporting a firearm or ammunition. Because of the serious penalties attached to this law, (imprisonment for up to ten years and a fine of up to \$250,000.00) it is important that employees are aware of their obligations.

The prohibition does not apply to a citizen whose conviction for a domestic violence misdemeanor has been expunged in a court proceeding or who has been pardoned by the Governor or had civil rights restored. The law does apply to all citizens, even peace officers who carry a firearm as part of their duties. Under the terms of this law, "domestic violence" includes the use or attempted use of physical force or a deadly weapon by a current or former spouse, guardian or parent of a victim or a person who is or who has lived with such a victim. The law applies without regard to where and when the conviction occurred.

If you believe that you may be subject to this law and have questions about it, you may contact your local office of the US Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The telephone number in Frankfort is 223-3350. The telephone number in Washington is (202) 927-8300.

Retyped from a memorandum to All State Employees, from Robert S. Peters, Secretary, Personnel Cabinet, dated December 20, 1996.